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eZ-Audit Overview

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is eZ-Audit?

eZ-Audit is a web based paperless single point of submission for financial statements and compliance audits. A designee from your school simply signs on to eZ-Audit, enters summary audit and financial data directly from your report into a web form, attaches an electronic version of the report, and hits the submit button. Your submission through eZ-Audit will allow for more rapid and efficient processing by the Department of Education (**ED**) and therefore provide you with immediate feedback.

How does eZ-Audit work?

- 1. Your school submits its compliance audit data and summary financial data via an internet web form (follow this manual for complete instructions).
- 2. Your school also attaches an electronic copy of your financial statement and compliance audit in a non-editable pdf format (using Adobe Acrobat).
- 3. The eZ-Audit system automatically forwards flagged financials and deficient audits to FSA's Case Management Team for resolution.
- 4. Case Teams communicate with you to reach resolution.
- 5. As desired, you can periodically check eZ-Audit for the status of your report.

How does eZ-Audit Benefit You?

- You will receive instant acknowledgement of receipt no more lost reports!
- You will no longer need to make any copies or send reports in the mail to ED.
- · Processing times will be greatly reduced, thus allowing for quicker remediation of findings.
- Web forms will contain pre-populated fields.
- There are no new reporting requirements data entry will be limited to the same data already contained in the reports.
- The time spent submitting these forms should be less than 1 hour.
- Status of your submissions will be accessible to you online at anytime.
- A Help Desk will be available for assistance at 1-877-263-0780.

Who at my school will use eZ-Audit?

- eZ-Audit Institution/School Administrator, selected by your school, is responsible for:
 - Registering your school with eZ-Audit
 - Providing/managing access to data entry and submission approval personnel, as identified by your school
 - Maintaining security information regarding schools users as required
- eZ-Audit Data Entry Users, selected by your school, are responsible for:
 - Entering data into the eZ-Audit system
 - Attaching non-editable, pdf files of financial statements and compliance audits
- eZ-Audit Submission Approvers, selected by your school, are responsible for:
 - o Reviewing the submission prior to "submit"
 - o Approving the submission via the "submit" action

What role should my auditor play in eZ-Audit?

You may choose to ask your auditor to serve as a *Data Entry User* of eZ-Audit. This means that your auditor would complete the fields in the system, and attach the audited documents in the non-editable, pdf format.





It your auditor is *not* selected as a Data Entry User, you may request that your auditor electronically sends you your financial statements and compliance audits in the non-editable. pdf format using Adobe Acrobat.

Please note that attestation of your financial statements and compliance audits will be in the attachments of your documents – additional electronic signatures are not required.

eZ-Audit Technical Requirements

eZ-Audit is a **web-based application**. This means you will not need to load a new application on your computer. You will simply need to ensure that you have an **Internet browser – either Netscape 4.76 or 6.2 or Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher**.



If you receive an error that does not allow you to access eZ-Audit when you type in the URL from your internet browser, please contact your network administrator and request that he/she do one of the following:

- Open your firewall to allow all 165.224.xxx.xxx addresses through, which would allow your school access to all ed.gov sites
- Conduct an nslookup on ezaudit.ed.gov which will allow your school access to eZ-Audit

eZ-Audit requires you to attach a non-editable pdf version of your annual submissions. **Adobe Acrobat** must be used to create this attachment. You have several *options* for obtaining Adobe Acrobat:

- Purchase Adobe Acrobat 5.0 software that will allow you to scan paper copies of your submissions and convert them to pdf. (The retail cost of the software is approximately \$250)
- Convert an electronic version of your submission (word, excel, etc) to pdf format using www.adobe.com online. (Adobe provides this conversion capability for \$9.99 for one month with unlimited use.)
- Bring paper copies of your submissions to your local copying center (Kinkos, etc.) and request that they create a pdf version of your submission. (The cost of this option will vary, however \$30 \$50 is a reasonable estimate.)

Consolidated Submissions (School Group Submissions)

ED considers a school group as a collection of schools whereby a single school within the group (what ED calls the submitting institution) or a designated representative (such as a State Auditor) submits a single consolidated financial statement and compliance audit together to ED (For example; ITT, State of Louisiana (who submits for all the state schools in Louisiana), etc.).

NOTE

If you provide ED with a consolidated submission (meaning that you submit on behalf of more than one school), only the submitting institution needs to register with eZ-Audit. Submitting institutions will submit for all schools in their school group. This single,

consolidated submission for the school group will fulfill the reporting requirements for all schools that are part of the group. ED does not require that non-submitting institutions in the group register with eZ-Audit. As the submitting institution completes the audit information, please ensure that these questions are answered for all schools in your school group. For example, if any of the schools in your group has FFELP program then click YES for this question or if any of the schools in your school group has findings then please click YES for this question too. The submitting institution is only completing the Compliance Audit Information page once representing all schools in the group- the page should not be completed multiple times for each school. If you have additional questions regarding school groups, please send an email to fsaezaudit@ed.gov or contact the eZ-Audit hotline at 1-877-263-0780.

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eZ-Audit Submission Requirements

The Department of Education strongly encourages you to use eZ-Audit for your annual submission. As of July 1, 2003 the Department of Education will no longer accept paper submissions of financial statements and compliance audits.



OMB still requires submissions of A-133 reports (public and non-profit institutions) to be sent to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

When must an institution submit financial statements and/or compliance audit?

- All participating institutions must submit financial statements and compliance audits annually. (34 CFR 668.23 and OMB Circular A-133)
 - Public institutions' financial statements and compliance audits are due <u>nine months after</u> the end of the fiscal year (OMB Circular A-133).
- > If you are seeking initial participation in the Title IV Program.
 - Please note that an Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs (www.eligcert.ed.gov) should be filed at the time of your submission.
- > If you undergo a change in ownership, merger or structure change.
 - o Please note that an Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs (www.eligcert.ed.gov) should be filed at the time of your submission.
- > If you wish to be reinstated to participate in Title IV program(s).
 - Please note that an Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs (www.eligcert.ed.gov) should be filed at the time of your submission.

eZ-Audit Rules of Behavior

eZ-Audit is a Department of Education system. Department of Education computer systems are provided for the processing of Official U.S. Government information only. All data contained on Department of Education computer systems is owned by the Department of Education and may be monitored, intercepted, recorded, read, copied or captured in any manner and disclosed in any manner, by authorized personnel. THERE IS NO RIGHT OF PRIVACY IN THIS SYSTEM. System personnel may give to law enforcement officials any potential evidence of crime found on Department of Education computer systems. Unauthorized use of this system is a violation of Federal law and can be punished with fines or imprisonment (P.L. 99-474). "Use of this system by any user, authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to this monitoring, interception, recording, reading, copying, or capturing and disclosure."

You may decide to send FSA information, including personally identifying information. The information you supply – whether through a secure Web form, a standard Web form, or by sending an electronic mail message – is maintained by FSA for the purpose of processing your request or inquiry. FSA also uses the information you supply in other ways to further FSA's mission of maintaining stability and public confidence in the nation's banking system. Various employees of FSA may see the information you submit in the course of their official duties. The information may also be shared by FSA with third parties to advance the purpose for which you provide the information, including other federal or state government agencies. For example, if you file a complaint, it may be sent to a financial institution for action, or information may be supplied to the Department of Justice in the event it appears that federal criminal statutes have been violated by an entity you are reporting to FSA.





The primary use of personally identifying information will be to enable the government to contact you in the event we have questions regarding the information you have reported. If you are concerned about how information about you may have been used in connection with the eZ-Audit web site, or you have questions about FSA's privacy policy and information practices, you should e-mail us at webmaster@fsa.ed.gov. Electronic mail is not necessarily secure. You are advised to be cautious when sending electronic mail containing sensitive, confidential information. As an alternative, we advise users to give consideration to using postal mail.



All eZ-Audit users are required to carefully read and sign the eZ-Audit Rules of Behavior document that can be accessed via the web at http://ifap.ed.gov. Each user of the eZ-Audit system must download a copy of the Rules of Behavior document, sign it and retain the

copy in the institution's files.

Questions/Concerns

- o eZ-Audit will continue to post updates and critical information to IFAP at http://ifap.ed.gov.
- You can send an email to fsaezaudit@ed.gov
- Contact the eZ-Audit hotline at 1-877-263-0780.





eZ-Audit Registration

All institutions must submit a registration request letter to the Department of Education in order to gain access to eZ-Audit.

To register, please mail a letter on your school's letterhead that includes the following:

- 1. First and Last Name of appropriate person in authority (e.g. President/CEO/Chancellor)
- 2. Signature of person named in #1 above
- 3. First and Last Name of eZ-Audit Institution Administrator
- 4. Signature of designated eZ-Audit Institution Administrator
- 5. e-mail address of eZ-Audit Institution Administrator
- 6. Phone number and extension (if necessary) of eZ-Audit Institution Administrator
- 7. Fax Number
- 8. OPE ID
- 9. Fiscal Year End Date

Where do I send my Registration Request Letter?

Registration Request Letters should be printed on school or corporate letterhead and mailed to:

The United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid Attention: Ti Baker 830 First Street, NE Room 74G2 Washington, DC 20202

How will I receive my registration confirmation and eZ-Audit Institution Administrator user ID and password?

Your registration confirmation and eZ-Audit Institution Administrator user ID and temporary password will be sent to the email address provided in the registration request letter that you mailed to the Department of Education.

You will receive two registration confirmation emails. The first email from eZ-Audit will include your user name and instructions for accessing the eZ-Audit website. For security purposes, your temporary password will be delivered in a second email from eZ-Audit.

Once I have sent in my Registration Request letter and have received my registration confirmation emails, when and how do I begin using eZ-Audit?

To access eZ-Audit on or after April 1, 2003 simply type in the URL, www.ezaudit.ed.gov in your internet browser, and when the eZ-Audit login screen appears, type in the user name and temporary password you received through email from eZ-Audit.

Even if you are not required to submit on April 1, please be sure to log on to the eZ-Audit system immediately, in order to change your temporary password and ensure your access to the site is secure.



If you submit financial statements and compliance audits for multiple schools, only the submitting institution needs to register with eZ-Audit. The single, consolidated submission made by the "submitting institution" will fulfill the requirements for all schools in the school

group.

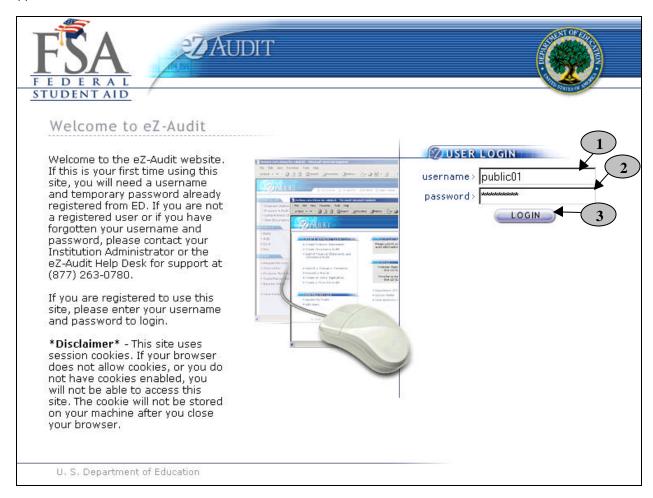




Administrative Tasks/Security

Login

After typing in the URL www.ezaudit.ed.gov in your Internet browser, the "Welcome to eZ-Audit" screen below should appear:



- 1. Enter the username provided to you during the registration process by email.
- 2. Enter in your password or your temporary password if this is your first time using this site.
- 3. Single click the **LOGIN** button-this will take you to your institution's homepage.



Your user name will be the first letter of your first name, the first five letters of your last name and 2 numeric characters.





Logout

If you clicked on the **LOGIN** button from the page above, this will bring you to your institution's homepage. The screen below should appear with your institution's name:



1. To logout of the eZ-Audit system, click on the **LOGOUT** button at the top of this page. The screen shown on the next page should appear if you have successfully logged out of the system.







2. To log back into the eZ-Audit system click on the underlined link above and repeat the LOGIN step.



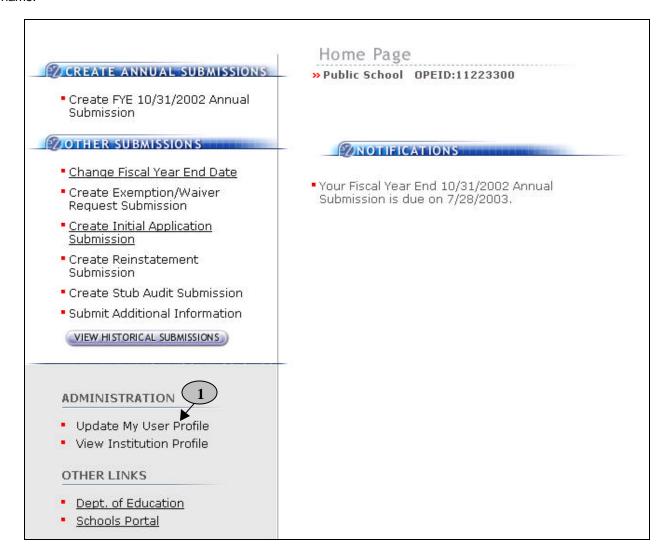
Your eZ-Audit session will automatically expire after 30 minutes of inactivity.





My Profile

To update your profile (i.e. username, email address, phone number, password, etc.), repeat the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. The screen below should appear with your institution's name:



1. Click on the underlined text "<u>Update My User profile</u>" located on the lower left hand side of the screen. This will take you to the Update My Profile page shown on the next page.



This page is used to update your user profile information such as name, email address, phone, password, etc.





Re-type New Password:

SAVE

If you clicked on the underlined text "<u>Update My User profile</u>" on your institution's homepage, the screen below should appear:



NOTE

Take a moment to review the information on this screen for accuracy. If changes need to be made, update the information as necessary and enter any missing information. Remember to SAVE your changes!!!





Change Password

To change your password, repeat the **My Profile** step. This will take you to the Update My Profile page. The screen shown below should appear at the bottom of that page:

If you wish to change your password, please key in your old and new password in the spaces provided below. If no information is entered, your password will not change. The password must be 8 - 15 characters in length and must include at least 3 of the following types of characters: uppercase letters(A-Z), lowercase letters (a-z), numeral values(0-9) and special characters(<,>,?,\$, etc.) password must be dissimilar from your previous 6 passwords. Old Password: New Password: Re-type New Password: 4 SAVE RESET 5

- 1. Type your old or temporary password.
- 2. Type your new password.
- 3. Retype your new password.
- 4. Click the **SAVE** button to ensure all changes are successfully captured by the system.
- 5. Click the **RESET** button to cancel current entries and begin again.

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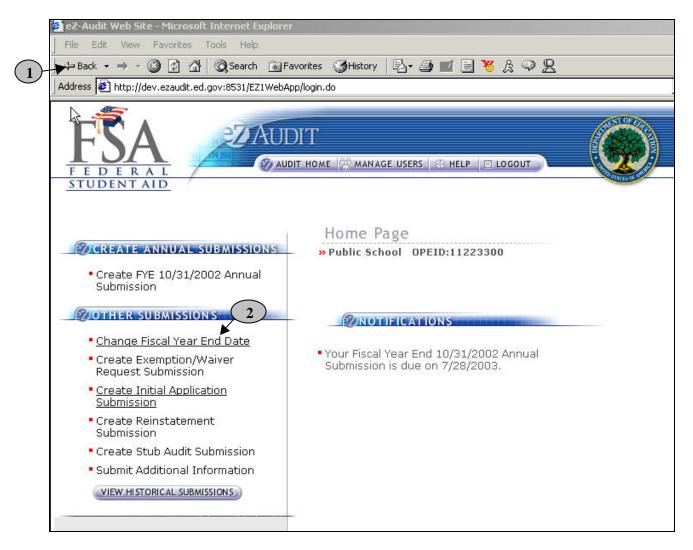
The password must be 8-15 characters in length and must include uppercase, lowercase letters and numeric values. Clicking the SAVE button ensures all information has been saved by the system. Please note that the system will automatically prompt you to change your password every 90 days. Follow the same process described above to make this change. If you require additional help, contact the Help desk at 1-877-263-0780.





Navigation

To move from field to field in the eZ-Audit system, simply press the **Tab** button on your computer. This takes you from one field to the next.



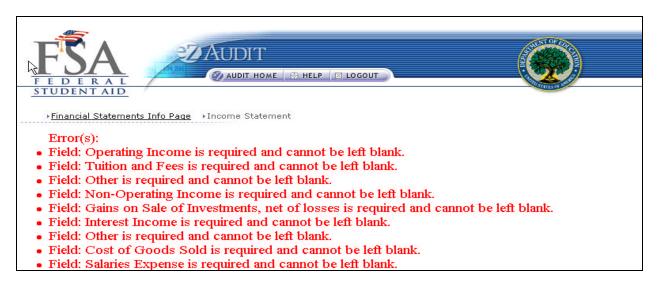
- 1. To go back to a previous screen or action, simply click on the **back or forward** button.
- 2. To move across forms or sections in the system, click the underlined text of interest.

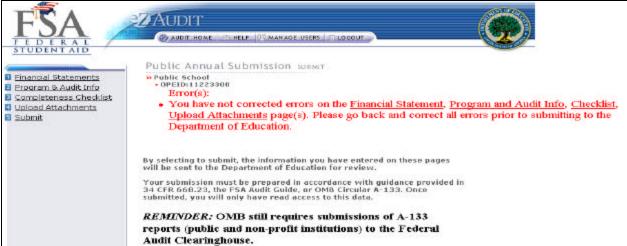




Data Edits

Edit checks will be automatically performed on each page when you click on any of the transaction buttons such as the "SAVE or SAVE and PROCEED" buttons. If any invalid data entries are detected, the page will redisplay with error message(s) at the top indicating the field that needs to be corrected and the correction to be made. To continue, make the changes indicated by the message(s) displayed and click the "SAVE or SAVE and PROCEED" buttons. This will allow for the submission process to continue. The system will not allow you to submit to the Department of Education without correcting the errors. See sample screens below:







The eZ-Audit system does not allow punctuation marks in the fields. For example, "\$" dollar, ":"colon and "," comma signs input into the system will result in an error message. Also, please note that all fields must be completed. Enter "0" for any null response.





eZ-Audit Security

System Security and Use: All eZ-Audit users are required to carefully read and sign the *eZ-Audit Rules* of *Behavior* document that can be accessed via the web at http://ifap.ed.gov. Each user of the eZ-Audit system must download a copy of the Rules of Behavior document, sign it and retain the copy in the institution's files. This document (Rules of Behavior), clearly defines acceptable behavior and the consequences for flouting such behavior as contained in P.L. 99-474.

To ensure that you as a user are protected from unauthorized users having access to your system, the following points should be considered and adhered to diligently:

- Do not leave computers unattended when processing sensitive data.
- o Place sensitive information out of sight when visitors are present.
- Verify that you are completely logged off from an active session.
- Invoke screensaver password when leaving a workstation.
- o Only authorized employees within your institution should have access to the eZ-Audit system.
- o Do not write your password down on paper.
- Passwords should be no less than eight characters and should contain both alpha and numeric characters.
- o Avoid creating passwords that can be easily guessed (e.g., names of children, pets, etc.).
- Do not disclose your password to others (e.g., to a coworker in order to share files).

Privacy: THERE IS NO RIGHT OF PRIVACY IN THIS SYSTEM. System personnel may give to law enforcement officials any potential evidence of crime found on Department of Education computer systems. Unauthorized use of this system is a violation of Federal law and can be punished with fines or imprisonment (P.L. 99-474). "Use of this system by any user, authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to this monitoring, interception, recording, reading, copying, or capturing and disclosure."





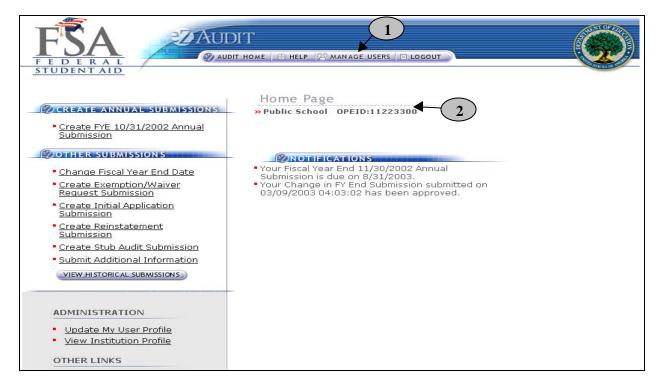
Manage Users

Types of Users and Responsibilities

- 1. The eZ-Audit Institution/School Administrator, selected by your school, is responsible for:
 - Registering your school with eZ-Audit
 - Providing/managing access to data entry and submission approval personnel, as identified by your school
 - Maintaining security information regarding schools users as required
- 2. The **eZ-Audit Data Entry Users**, selected by your school are responsible for:
 - Entering data into the eZ-Audit system
 - o Attaching non-editable, pdf files of audited financial statements and compliance audits
- 3. The **eZ-Audit Submission Approvers**, selected by your school, are responsible for:
 - Reviewing the submission prior to "submit"
 - o Approving the submission via the "submit" action

Institution Administrator Homepage

To log into the eZ-Audit system as your institution's administrator, repeat the **LOGIN** step. The screen below should appear once your administrator's username and password has been entered and verified by the system. This screen below is different between persons having administrator or users rights:



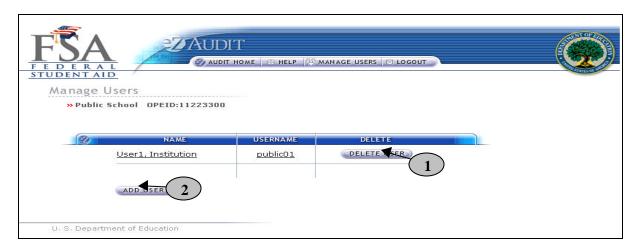
- 1. The "MANAGE USERS" button should be displayed if you have administrator's rights to this system. Click on it to perform any of the manage users tasks such as adding or deleting a user. The screen on the next page should appear:
- 2. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.



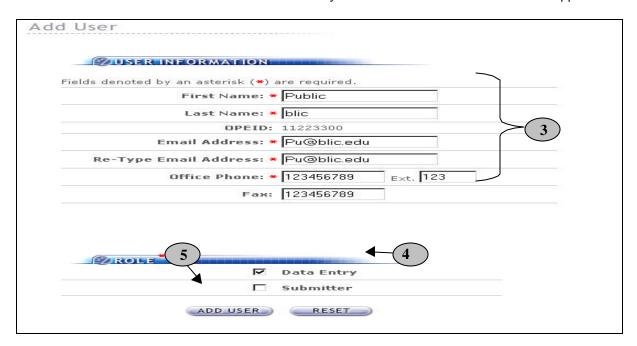


Creating Data Entry Users

If you clicked on the "Manage Users" button, the screen below should appear:



- 1. Click on the "DELETE USER" button to delete a user from the system.
- 2. Click on the "ADD USER" button to add a user to the system. The screen below should then appear:



- 3. Complete all required fields providing the name and contact information for the "New User".
- 4. Do not forget to specify the New User's role (see "Manage Users" for role definition).
- 5. Remember to click on the "ADD USER" button to save all entries.



Each registered institution's administrator will have the capability to add or delete a user for their institution. When a new user is added, the user will receive 2 email notifications, one containing their username and the other containing the user's temporary password.





Institution Home Page/Status

Institution Profile

This is a sample of what an institution's profile page should look like. Institutions should confirm that the information is correct.





Changes to the Institution's Profile can only be made via the eAPP. This can be accessed at www.eligcert.ed.gov.

Primary Accreditation Org.: PUBLIC
Other Accreditation Org.:





Historical Submissions

This page provides a history of the institution's past transactions as available in the eZ-Audit system. You may view prior submissions at anytime. Please note that you will have "read" only access to these historical submissions.







Notifications

At anytime you will be able to view your institution's review status by viewing the notification section of your homepage. This can be reached by repeating the step **LOGIN**. This will bring you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage and the screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. This is the Notification section. Most recent institution's submission status and other notifications will be displayed.





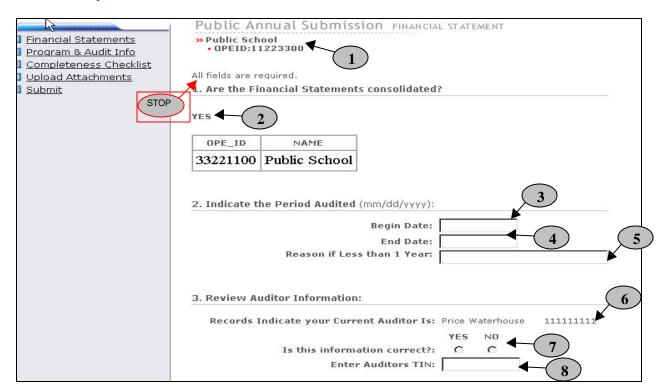
Annual Submissions

Financial Statement

To complete your institution's annual submission, complete the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Annual Submissions". Click on the underlined text " <u>Create FYE----Annual Submission</u>", and then the screen below should appear with your institution's name:

NOTE

If you are submitting for a school group (consolidated financial statements and/or consolidated compliance audit) only one institution (OPEID) in the group should be used to satisfy the reporting requirement for all institutions that are part of the school group. In other words, if any of your group audits have findings then you must click YES when the system prompts you with this question. Remember, do not use commas or other punctuation and place a "0" in any fields with a null value.



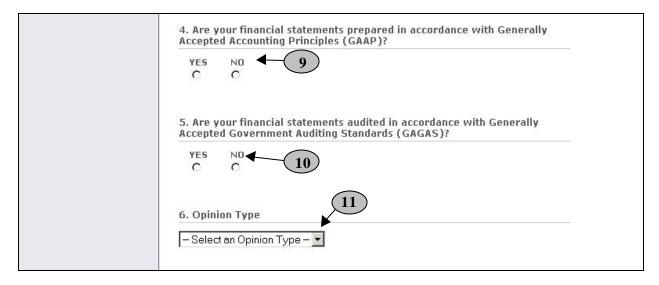
- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. If your financial statement is not consolidated, **NO** will be displayed. If your financial statement is consolidated, **YES** will be displayed with the name of the institution the Department of Education has on file as covered in the financial statements. Please see the note above and contact the help desk at 1-877-263-0780 if you require additional help or if there are any discrepancies.
- 3. Begin date is the beginning of the audit period.
- 4. End date is the end of the audit period.
- 5. Provide a reason if your audit period is less than a year.
- 6. This is the auditor on file with the Department of Education.





- 7. If the auditor's information is correct, no action is required. If incorrect, please update with current auditor information.
- 8. This field should be pre-populated. Please enter the auditor's Tax Identification Number (TIN) if this information is incorrect or missing.

Public Annual Submission- Financial Statements page continues:



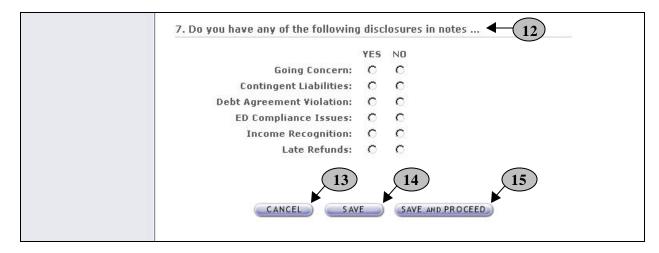
- Are your financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for requirements.
- 10. Are your financial statements audited in accordance with GAGAS? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for reporting requirements.
- 11. Please select appropriate opinion type from the drop down list based on your auditor's opinion.

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Public Annual Submission- Financial Statements page continues:



- 12. If your submission contains any of the disclosures listed, please select all that applies as **YES** or **NO** for all disclosures that do not apply.
- 13. Click the **CANCEL** button to make changes to all entries.
- 14. Click the **SAVE** button to ensure all entries are successfully stored by the system on this page.
- 15. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to go to the Program and Audit Information page. This is the next stage in the submission process.



If you have not submitted your prior fiscal year end financial statement and compliance audit, you will not be able to submit your annual submission. Do not leave any field blank.



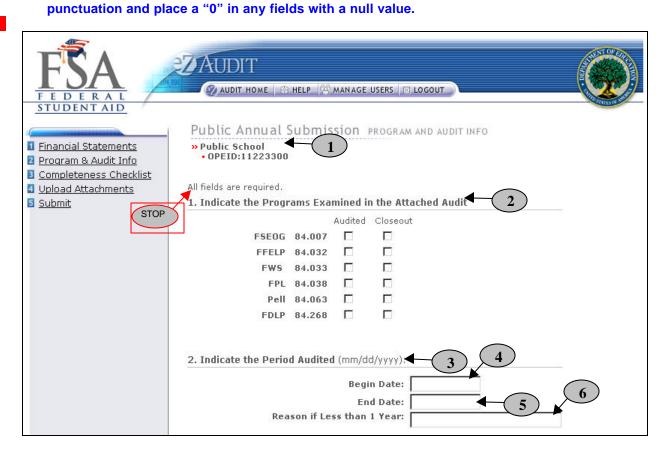


Program and Audit Information

If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Financial Statements page by clicking on the **SAVE and PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Annual Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Create FYE----Annual Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Program and Audit Info". The screen below should appear:

NOTE

If you are submitting for a school group (i.e. you are the submitting institution for multiple schools), please complete all questions on this page from the perspective of the entire group. In other words, if any of your group audits have findings then you must click YES when the system prompts you with this question. Remember, do not use commas or other

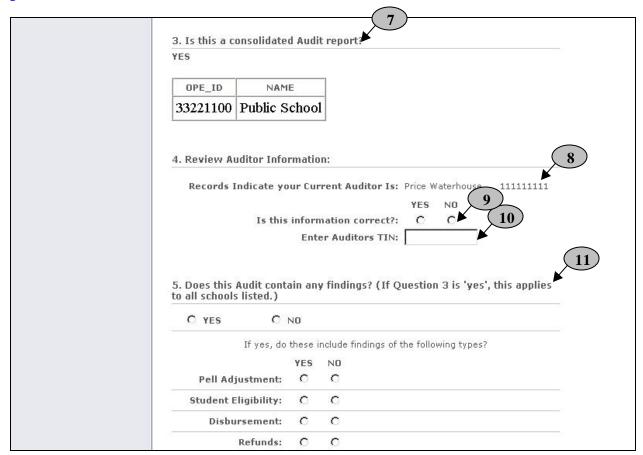


- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Please check the appropriate boxes for programs examined in your audit. See the note above.
- 3. Please indicate period audited in specified format.
- 4. Begin date is the beginning of the audit period.
- 5. End date is the end of the audit period.
- 6. Provide a reason if your audit period is less than a year.





Program and Audit Information Continues:

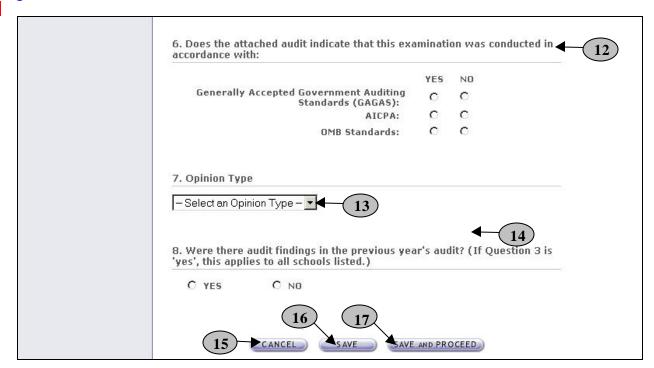


- 7. If this is not a consolidated report, click **NO**, indicating that only one school is covered in the financial statements. If this is a consolidated report, click **YES**, the institution the Department of Education has on file as covered in the financial statements will be displayed. If there are any discrepancies please contact the Help Desk at 1-877-263-0780.
- 8. This is the auditor on file with the Department of Education.
- 9. If the auditor's information is correct, no action is required. If incorrect, please update with current auditor's information.
- 10. This field should be pre-populated. Please enter the auditor's Tax Identification Number (TIN) if this information is incorrect or missing.
- 11. If your audit does not contain any findings, click **NO** and no action is required. If **YES** and the audit contains Pell Adjustment, Student Eligibility, Disbursement or Refunds findings.





Program and Audit Information Continues:



- 12. Check all appropriate options regarding you audit examination.
- 13. Select appropriate opinion from the drop down list based on your auditor's opinion.
- 14. Choose YES, if your auditor sited any findings in the prior year's fiscal audit report.
- 15. Click the **CANCEL** button to make changes to all entries.
- 16. Click the **SAVE** button to ensure all entries are successfully stored by the system for this page.
- 17. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to go to the **Public Submission-Completeness Checklist page**. This is the next stage in the submission process.



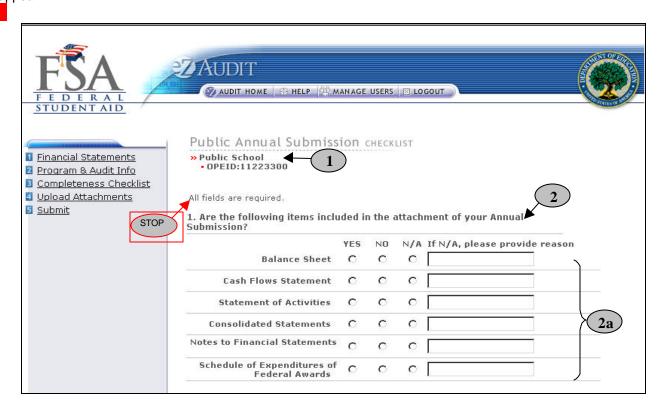
If you are submitting for a school group (i.e. you are the submitting institution for multiple schools/statewide audit), please note that if any of your group's audits have findings then you must click YES when the system prompts you with this question.





Completeness Checklist

If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Program and Audit Information page by clicking on the **SAVE AND PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Annual Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Create FYE----Annual Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Completeness Checklist". The screen below should appear:

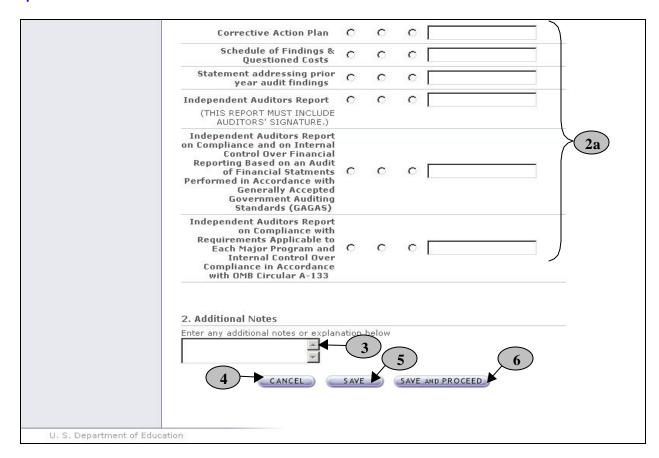


- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Check **YES** for all documents included in your compliance audit attachment and **NO** if not attached.
 - a. Provide reasons for each deemed not applicable ("N/A").





Completeness Checklist Continues:



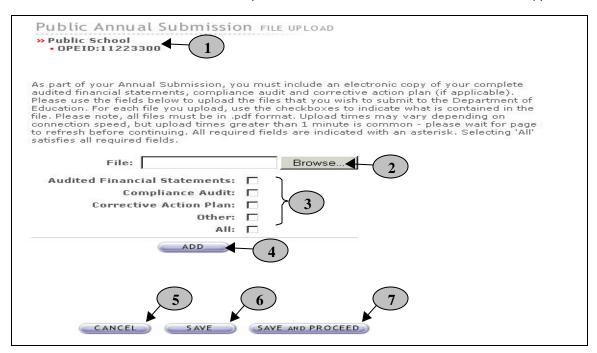
- 3. Provide additional notes as necessary. Please feel free to attach any additional document(s). If you do attach these additional documents, please write a note in this field advising that you have attached additional information not required in this process.
- 4. Click the **CANCEL** button to erase all entries.
- 5. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on screen.
- 6. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to save all entries and to take you to the **Upload Attachment** page.





Upload Attachments

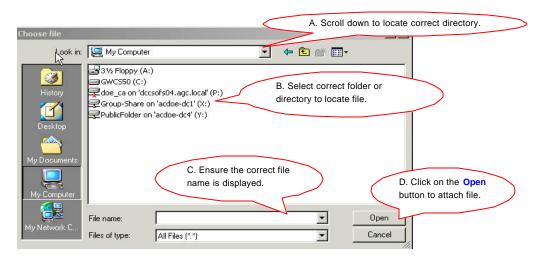
If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Completeness Checklist page by clicking on the **SAVE and PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Annual Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Create FYE----Annual Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Upload Attachments". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Click on the **Browse** button to search for document(s) to be attached. Then follow instructions on the next page on searching and attaching document(s).







- 3. Check all appropriate boxes for the documents you attached.
- 4. After the document has been attached and the file type identified by checking the box, click the "ADD" button to ensure that the document has been successfully attached to your compliance audit submission.
- 5. Click the **CANCEL** button to erase all entries.
- 6. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on screen.
- 7. Click the SAVE and PROCEED button to take you to the Public Annual Submission-submit page.

NOTE

As part of your annual submission, you must include an electronic copy of your audit. Please note that all files must be in a non editable. pdf format and no personal information such as Social Security Numbers should be contained in attachments.

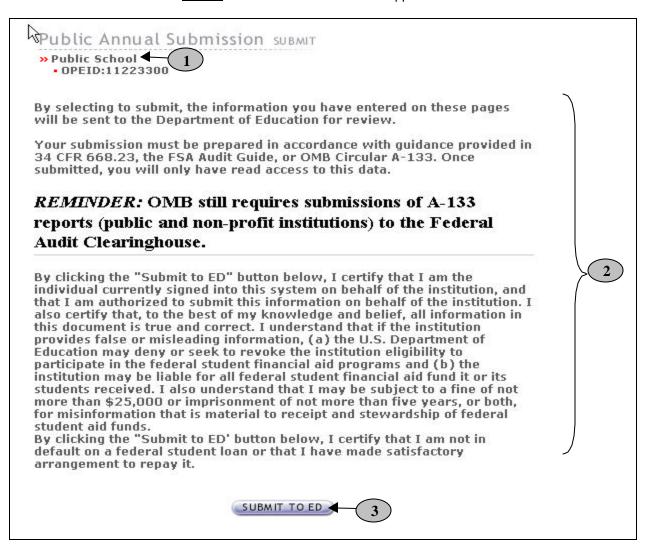
Remember, you can attach additional information not required during this process. If you do attach additional information, please make a note in the "Notes" field on the Completeness Checklist page.





Public Annual Submission-Submit

If you successfully entered, saved and attached an electronic copy of your submissions by clicking on the **SAVE** and **PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Annual Submissions". Click on the underlined text " <u>Create FYE----Annual Submission</u>", and then click on the underlined text "Submit". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Read to understand and attest that you have met all requirements.
- 3. Click on the **SUBMIT TO ED** button to complete your Public Annual Submission process. This will then take you to your institution's homepage with a displayed confirmation of your audit submission.



You will have "read" access only once submitted.





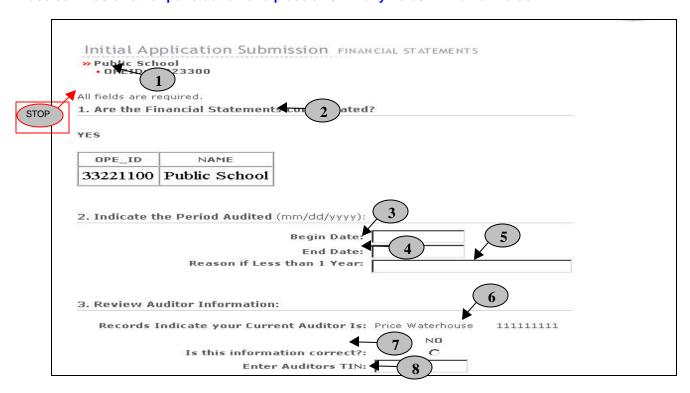
Initial/Reinstatement Submission

Financial Statement

To submit your institution's Initial/Reinstatement Submission, complete the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text " <u>Create Initial Application Submission</u>", and then the screen below should appear with your institution's name:

NOTE

If you are submitting for a school group (consolidated financial statements and/or consolidated compliance audit) only one institution (OPE ID) in the group should be used to satisfy the reporting requirement for all institutions that are part of the school group. Remember, do not use commas or other punctuation and place a "0" in any fields with a null value.

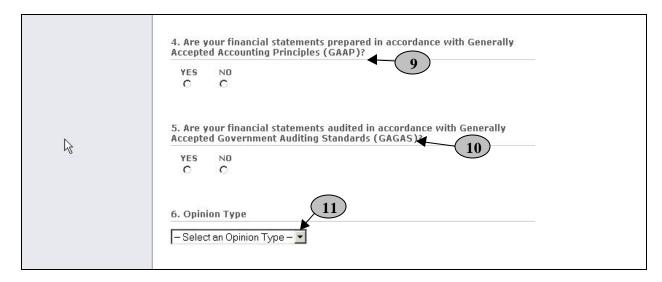


- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. If your financial statement is not consolidated, **NO** will be displayed. If your financial statement is consolidated, **YES** will be displayed with the name of the institution the Department of Education has on file as covered in the financial statements. Please see the note above and contact the help desk at 1-877-263-0780 if you require additional help or if there are any discrepancies.
- 3. Begin date is the beginning of the audit period.
- 4. End date is the end o the audit period.
- 5. Provide a reason if your audit period is less than a year.
- 6. This is the Auditor information on file with the Department of Education.
- 7. Please update with current auditor information.
- 8. Please enter the auditor's Tax Identification Number (TIN).





Create Initial Application Submission – Financial Statement Continues:

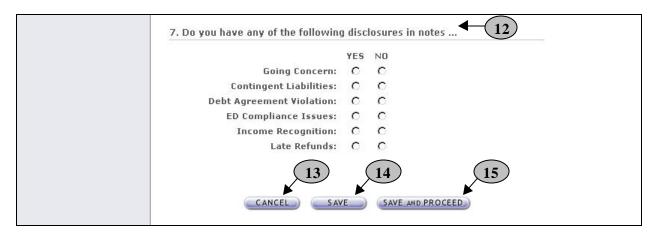


- 9. Are your financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for requirements.
- 10. Are your financial statements audited in accordance with GAGAS? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for reporting requirements.
- 11. Please select appropriate opinion type from the drop down lists based on your auditor's opinion.





Create Initial Application Submission – Financial Statements Continues:



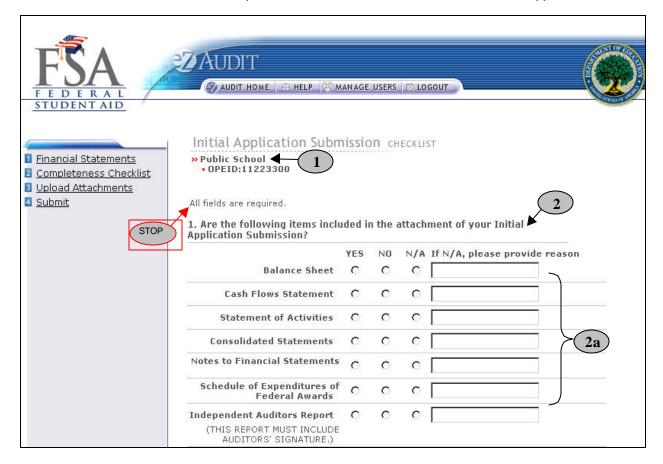
- 12. If your submission contains any of the disclosures listed, please select all that applies as **YES** or **NO** for all disclosures that do not apply.
- 13. Click the CANCEL button to make changes to all entries.
- 14. Click the SAVE button to ensure all entries are successfully stored by the system on this page.
- 15. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to go to the Completeness Checklist. This is the next stage in the submission process.





Completeness Checklist

If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Financial Statements page by clicking on the **SAVE AND PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the LOGIN step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Create Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Initial Application Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Completeness Checklist". The screen below should appear:

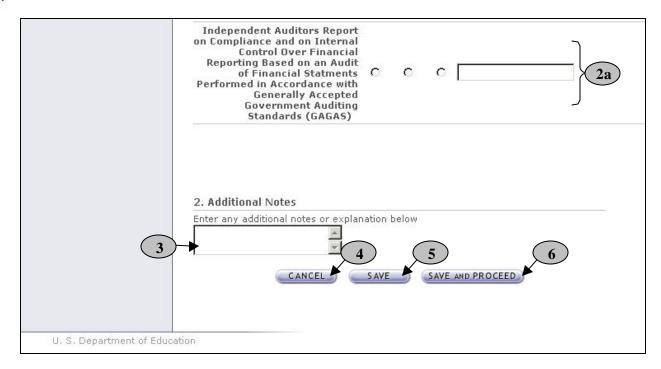


- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Check YES for all documents included in your compliance audit attachment and NO if not attached.
 - a. Provide reasons for each deemed not applicable ("N/A").





Completeness Checklist continues:



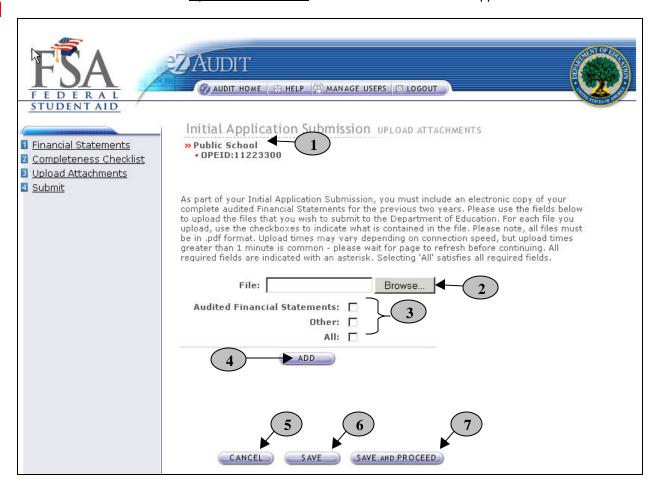
- 3. Provide additional notes as necessary. Please feel free to attach any additional document(s). If you do attach these additional documents, please write a note in this field advising that you have attached additional information not required in this process.
- 4. Click the CANCEL button to erase all entries.
- 5. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on screen.
- 6. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to take you to the Upload Attachment page.





Upload Attachments

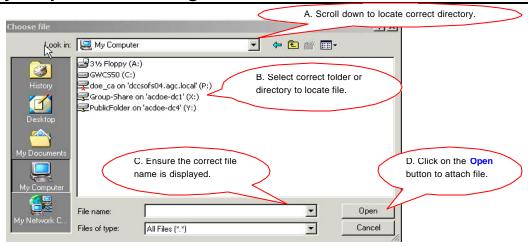
If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Completeness Checklist page by clicking on the **SAVE and PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Create Initial Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Upload Attachments". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Click on the **Browse** button to search for document(s) to be attached. Then follow instructions on the next page on searching and attaching document(s).







- 3. Check all appropriate documents attached.
- 4. After the document has been selected and the file type identified by checking the box, click the "ADD" button to ensure that the document has been successfully attached to your compliance audit submission.
- 5. Click the **CANCEL** button to erase all entries.
- 6. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on the screen.
- 7. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to take you to the Initial Application Submission-submit page.

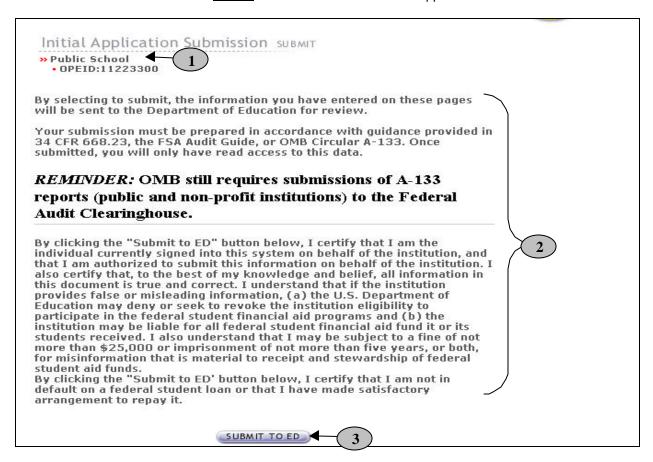
As part of your initial submission, you must include an electronic copy of your complete audited financial statements. Please note that all files must be in a non editable. pdf format and no personal information such as Social Security Numbers should be contained in attachments. Remember, you can attach additional information not required during this process. If you do attach additional information, please make a note in the "Notes" field on the Completeness Checklist page.





Initial/Reinstatement Submission-Submit

If you successfully entered, saved and attached an electronic copy of your submission by clicking on the **SAVE** and **PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institutions eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Initial/Reinstatement Application Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Submit". The screen below should appear:



- This should read the name of your institution and OPEDI number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Please read to understand and attest that you have met all requirements.
- 3. Click on the "SUBMIT TO ED" button to complete your Initial Application Submission process.



You will have "read" access only once submitted.





Stub Audit Submission

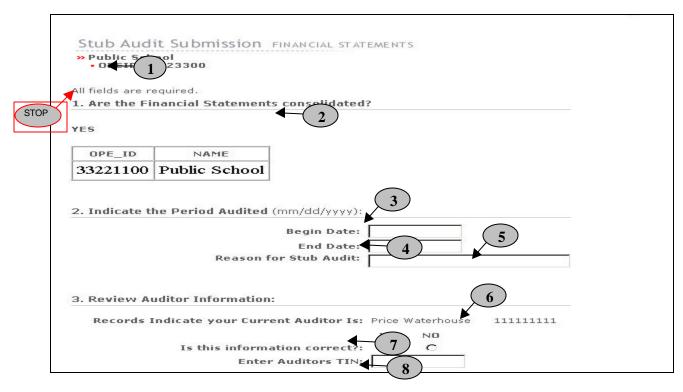
Financial Statement

To complete your institution's Stub Audit Submission, complete the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text " <u>Stub Audit Submission</u>", and then the screen below should appear with your institution's name:



If you are submitting for a school group (i.e. you are the submitting institution for multiple schools), please complete all questions on this page from the perspective of the entire group. In other words, if any of your group audits have then you must click YES when the

system prompts you with this question. Remember, do not use commas or other punctuation and place a "0" in any fields with a null value.



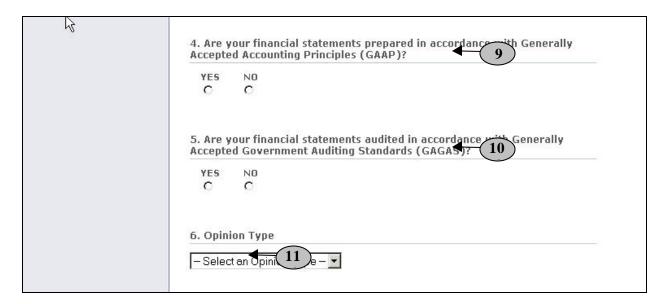
- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. If your financial statement is not consolidated, NO will be displayed. If your financial statement is consolidated, YES will be displayed with the name of the institution the Department of Education has on file as covered in the financial statements. Please see the note above and contact the help desk at 1-877-263-0780 if you require additional help or if there are any discrepancies.
- 3. Begin date is the beginning of the audit period.
- 4. End date is the end of the audit period.
- 5. Provide a reason if your audit period is less than a year.
- 6. This is the auditor on file with the Department of Education.
- 7. If the auditor's information is correct, no action is required. If incorrect, please update with current auditor information.





8. This field should be pre-populated. Please enter the auditor's Tax Identification Number (TIN) if this information is incorrect or missing.

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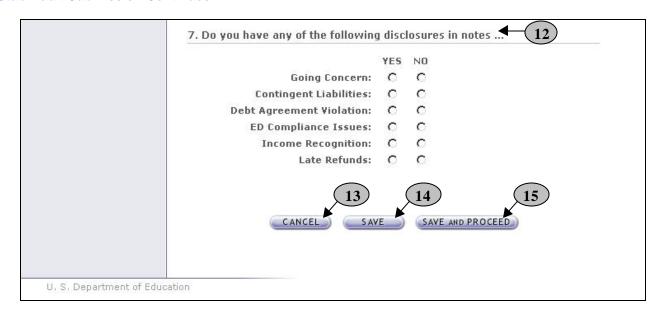


- 9. Are your financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for requirements.
- 10. Are your financial statements audited in accordance with GAGAS? Please see 34CFR 668.23 for reporting requirements.
- 11. Please select appropriate opinion type from the drop down list based on your auditor's opinion.





Stub Audit Submission Continues:



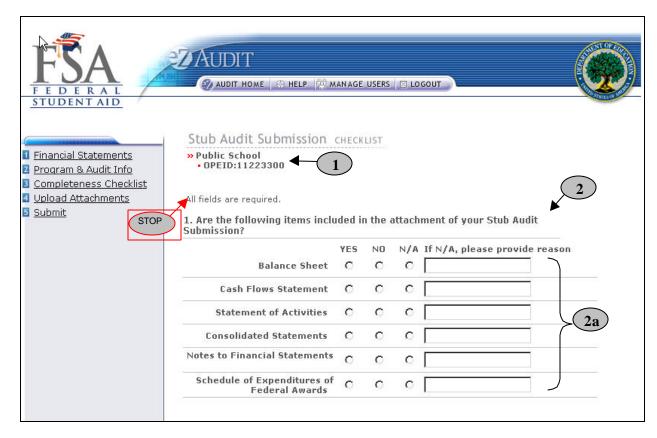
- 12. If your submission contains any of the disclosures listed, please select all that applies as **YES**, or **NO** for all disclosures that do not apply.
- 13. Click the **CANCEL** button to make changes to all entries.
- 14. Click the SAVE button to ensure all entries are successfully stored by the system on this page.
- 15. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to go to the Completeness Checklist. This is the next stage in the submission process.





Completeness Checklist

If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Financial Statements page by clicking on the **SAVE AND PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Stub Audit Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Completeness Checklist". The screen below should appear:

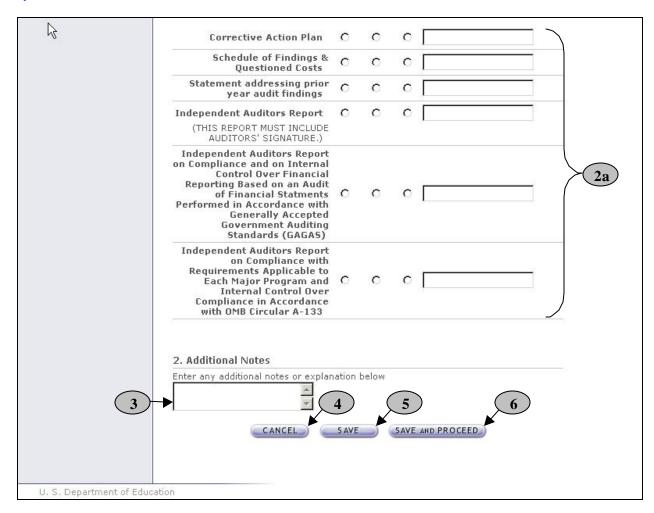


- 1. This should read your institution's name and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Check **YES** for all documents included in your compliance audit attachment and **NO** if not attached. a. Provide reasons for each deemed not applicable ("N/A").





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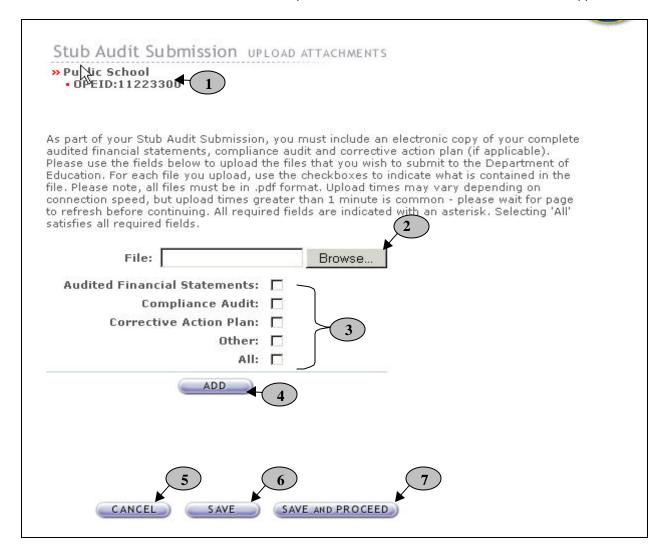
- 3. Provide additional notes as necessary. Please feel free to attach any additional document(s). If you do attach these additional documents, please write a note in this field advising that you have attached additional information not required in this process
- 4. Click the CANCEL button to erase all entries.
- 5. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on screen.
- 6. Click the **SAVE and PROCEED** button to take you to the Upload Attachment page.





Upload Attachments

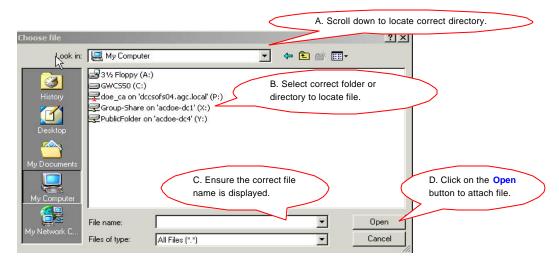
If you successfully entered or saved the information inputted on the Completeness Checklist page by clicking on the **SAVE and PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Stub Audit Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Upload Attachments". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Click on the **Browse** button to search for document(s) to be attached. Then follow instructions on the next page on searching and attaching document.







- 3. Check all appropriate documents attached.
- 4. After the document has been selected and the file type identified by checking the box, click the "ADD" button to ensure that the document has been successfully attached to your compliance audit submission.
- 5. Click the **CANCEL** button to erase all entries.
- 6. Click the **SAVE** button to save all entries currently on the screen.
- 7. Click the SAVE and PROCEED button to take you to the Stub Audit Submission-submit page.

NOTE

As part of your stub audit submission, you must include an electronic copy of your audit and/or complete audited financial statements. Please note that all files must be in a non editable. pdf format and no personal information such as Social Security Numbers

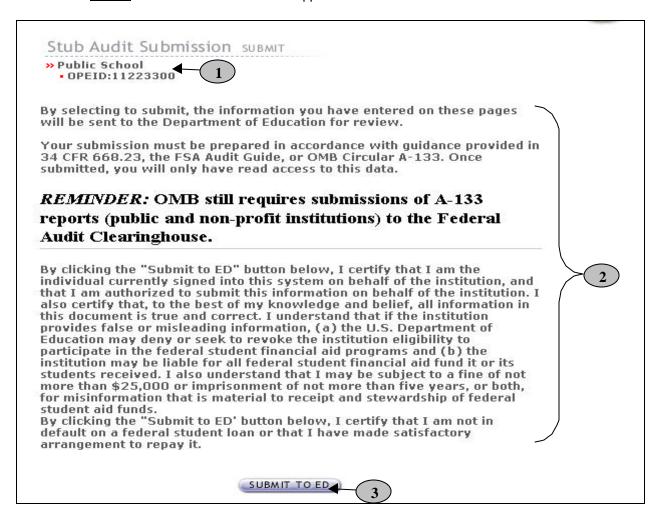
should be contained in attachments. Remember, you can attach additional information not required during this process. If you do attach additional information, please make a note in the "Notes" field on the Completeness Checklist page.





Stub Audit Submission-Submit

If you successfully entered, saved and attached an electronic copy of your submission by clicking on the **SAVE** and **PROCEED** button, the screen below should appear. This page can also be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Submission", and then click on the underlined text "Submit". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of you institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Please read to understand and attest that you have met all requirements.
- 3. Click on the "SUBMIT TO ED" button to complete your Stub Audit Submission process.

NOTE

You will have read access only once submitted. Please note that only the financial statements and audit sections for the period audited should be completed and the Stub Audit must be attached.

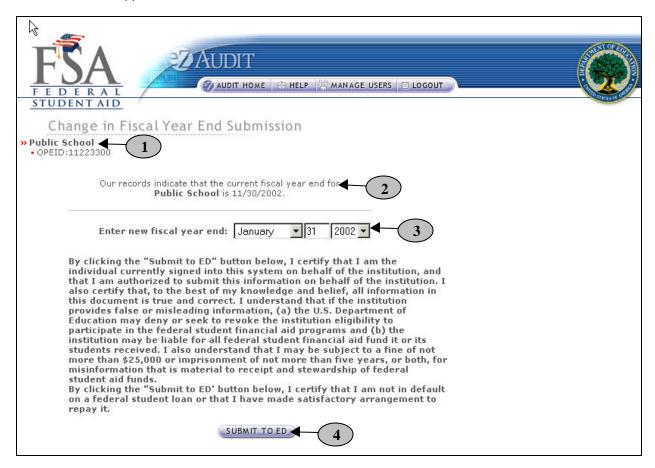




Change in FY End

Change in FY END Submission

This page can be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institutions eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Change Fiscal Year End Date", and then click on the underlined text "Change in FY End". The screen below should appear:



- This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. This represents information on file with ED concerning current fiscal year.
- 3. Click on the drop down list to change date as desired.
- 4. Click on the "SUBMIT TO ED" button to ensure that date change is captured by the eZ-Audit system.



When notifying ED of a change in fiscal year end, please submit change 90 days prior to your current fiscal year end date. Contact your Case Team Representative for information regarding additional submission requirements.

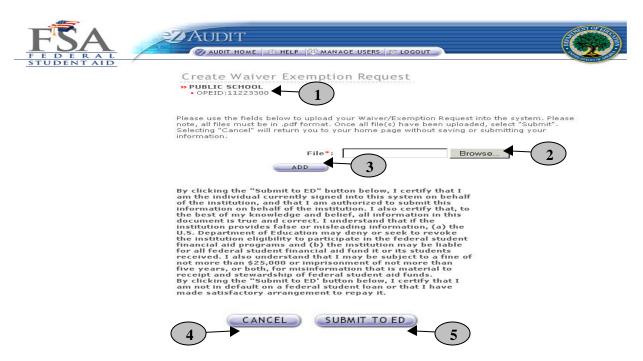




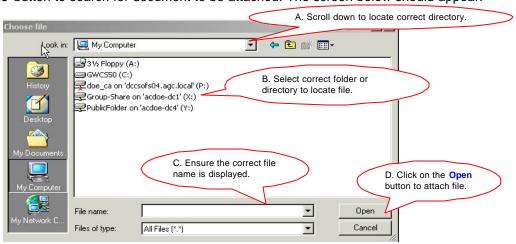
Waiver/Exemption Request

Create Waiver/Exemption Request

This page can be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Other Submissions", and then click on the underlined text "Create Waiver/Exemption Request". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Click on the **Browse** button to search for document to be attached. The screen below should appear:



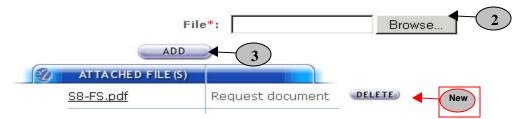




3. After the document has been attached and the file type identified by checking the box, click the "ADD" button to ensure that the document has been successfully attached to your compliance audit submission. The screen will then change to the screen below:



Please use the fields below to upload your Waiver/Exemption Request into the system. Please note, all files must be in .pdf format. Once all file(s) have been uploaded, select "Submit". Selecting "Cancel" will return you to your home page without saving or submitting your information.



By clicking the "Submit to ED" button below, I certify that I am the individual currently signed into this system on behalf of the institution, and that I am authorized to submit this information on behalf of the institution. I also certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this document is true and correct. I understand that if the institution provides false or misleading information, (a) the U.S. Department of Education may deny or seek to revoke the institution eligibility to participate in the federal student financial aid programs and (b) the institution may be liable for all federal student financial aid fund it or its students received. I also understand that I may be subject to a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, for misinformation that is material to receipt and stewardship of federal student aid funds. By clicking the "Submit to ED' button below, I certify that I am not in default on a federal student loan or that I have made satisfactory arrangement to repay it.



- 4. Click the **CANCEL** button to erase all entries.
- 5. Click the "SUBMIT TO ED" button to submit your Waiver Exemption Request. This will then take you to your institution's homepage with a displayed confirmation of your transaction.

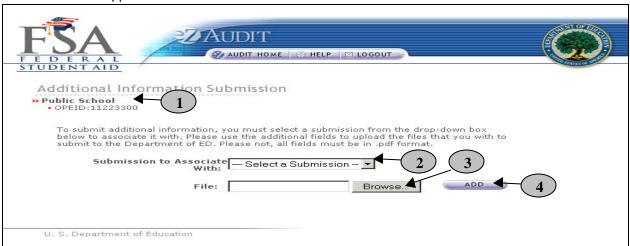




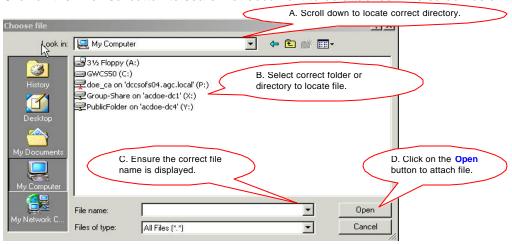
Additional Information

Additional Information Submission

This page can be reached by repeating the **LOGIN** step. This will take you to your institution's eZ-Audit homepage. On the upper left hand side of the page, you will see a section "Other Submissions". Click on the underlined text "Other Submissions", and then click on the underlined text "Submit Additional Information". The screen below should appear:



- 1. This should read the name of your institution and OPEID number. Confirm that this is correct.
- 2. Select a submission type.
- 3. Click on the **Browse** button to search for document to be attached. The screen below should appear:



4. After the document has been attached and the file type identified by checking the box, click the "ADD" button to ensure that the document has been successfully attached to your compliance audit submission.

NOTE

All schools are allowed to submit additional information (not requested) related to a current submission before Case Management has completed the review of the schools submission.





Appendix

Rules of Behavior

eZ-Audit System Rules of Behavior

Statement of Acceptance of User Responsibility

For Official, Approved Use Only – the eZ-Audit system is funded by the Government to support various programmatic efforts needed to accomplish the FSA mission. As such, these resources are to be used only for official Government business. Users should remember that when they use the eZ-Audit system, they are acting in their employment capacity on behalf of ED. Unless approved in writing by management, any activity outside that employment capacity, or which could bring harm or embarrassment to ED/FSA must be avoided.

Privacy Expectations – All users are cautioned that, in general computers, networks, and information systems are not "private." Users should have no expectation of privacy when using computing resources. E-mail sent via the eZ-Audit system may bear site-specific identifiers in the address (name@ed.gov). As such, regardless of disclaimers, users employing ED/FSA e-mail are representing the site and ED/FSA and must act accordingly.

Monitoring of Computing Resources – Activities on ED/FSA systems and networks are subject to monitoring, recording, and periodic audits to ensure that the resources are functioning properly and to protect against unauthorized use. The System Administrator may access any user's computer system or data communications and disclose information obtained through such auditing to appropriate third parties, e.g., law enforcement personnel. Use of ED/FSA computing resources implies consent by the user to such monitoring, recording, and auditing.

Violations – It is critical that all users adhere to ED/FSA computer policies and accepted user principles regarding appropriate use. Violations of these principles or policies may lead to disciplinary action, possibly including termination of funding and/or employment. Designated administrators or other authorized personnel will evaluate and determine the degree of violation and appropriate disciplinary action.

Manager/Administrator Responsibilities – Management personnel will lead in applying these user principles. Managers are responsible for implementing these accepted user principles in their organization and will be accountable for ensuring that users are aware of and acknowledge their responsibilities.

Accepted User Principles

Users' access to computing resources indicates a level of trust bestowed upon them by their management and ultimately by ED. Users are responsible for their actions and must be aware of and acknowledge their responsibilities.





At a minimum all users are responsible for these principles:

- Ensuring that the eZ-Audit system is used only for official Government business.
- Knowing who their site computer security personnel are and how they can be contacted.
- Ensuring that the eZ-Audit system is used in compliance with Title IV program participation agreements and other applicable regulatory requirements to ensure program integrity.
- Protecting the information users are processing from access by, or disclosure to, unauthorized personnel.
- Immediately reporting all security incidents and potential threats and vulnerabilities involving computing resources to designated computer security personnel.
- Protecting authenticators, such as passwords.
- Reporting any compromise or suspected compromise of a password to designated computer security personnel.
- Accessing only systems, networks, data, control information, and software for which they are authorized.
- Ensuring that system media and system outputs are marked according to their sensitivity and are properly controlled and stored.
- Knowing required storage sanitizing procedures (e.g., overwriting disks that contain sensitive data prior to reuse).
- Avoiding the introduction of malicious code into any computing resource.
- Preventing physical damage to the system.
- Notifying management before relocating computing resources.
- Ensuring that the work area is secured at all times and not duplicated.
- Following procedures for signing out sensitive application documentation when removing these
 documents from the library and ensuring that sensitive information is not removed from the work
 area.
- Not removing equipment or storage media from the work area without prior written authorization from the designated systems administrators, security officer or other authorized personnel.

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